(d) ONGC has till 21-8-90 paid about US $ 0.8 million for charter hire of two S-6 IN helicopters from Canada. Most of this expenditure is in foreign exchange.

(e) Pawan Hans Limited has leased 10 Dauphin helicopters to ONGC to partially fill the gap caused by the grounding of Westland helicopters. Besides this, PHL has plan to re-induct Westland helicopters in a phased manner with ONGC. The first two helicopters are to start operations at Bombay High by the end of this month.

Objections by Assam Government (outside) on Sending crude oil for Refining outside the State

2110. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Chief Minister has objected to the transportation of crude oil from the oilfields to refineries outside the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on his objection?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Chief Minister of Assam has requested that no additional crude oil from the oil fields in Assam should be taken out of the State.

(b) It has been clarified to the Government of Assam that the proposed looping of the pipeline of OIL is meant to augment pipeline capacity for regular supply of crude oil to the refineries, and no additional crude oil is proposed to be transported through this pipeline to refineries outside the State.

Acquisition of L&T shares by Reliance Industries

2111. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries had applied for acquisition of L&T shares and if so, when and under what provisions of the MRTP Act;

(b) whether he is aware that permission has been granted for floating debentures and allotment of 2|3rd of the Mega Issue shares to the Reliance group shareholders only; and

(c) whether the source of funds to acquire such large holding in L&T by Reliance Industries has been gone into by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Company Affairs have not received any application from M|s Reliance Industries Ltd. for acquisition shares of M|s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. under the provisions of the M.R.T.P. Act. As such, the source of the funds for acquisition of the shares was not gone into.

M|s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. was granted consent on 29-8-89 by the Controller of